



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

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Ilyushenko

Confirmation No.: 7171

Application No.: 10/533,177

Examiner: Michael Aboagye

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Group Art Unit: 1725

For: WELDING METHOD

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

The present amendment comprises the following sections:

A. Amendments to the Claims

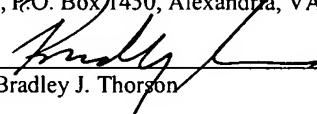
B. Remarks

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